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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS: MEETING WITH
RWANDAN PRESIDENT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. SUMMARY: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND AMBASSADOR CALLED
ON RWANDAN PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA JUNE 26 FOR DISCUSSION RANGE
OF ISSUES INCLUDING US ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA, RWANDAN
FOREIGN POLICY, AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES INCLUDING MIDDLE
EAST, SOUTHERN AFRICA, KOREA, AND US/ZAIRE RELATIONS. END
SUMMARY.

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2 ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS AND AMBASSADOR FRITTS CALLED ON RWANDAN PRESIDENT JUVENAL HABYARIMANA JUNE 26 FOR HOUR-AND-ONE-HALF DISCUSSION WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. FOREIGN MINISTER ALOYS NSEKALIJE AND AMBASSADOR TO US NIZEYIMANA ALSO PRESENT. PRESIDENT BEGAN DISCUSSION BY WELCOMING DAVIS, CHARACTERIZING STATE OF RELATIONS AS QUOTE EXCELLENT UNQUOTE, AND EXPRESSING WISH THESE RELATIONS NOW ATTAIN MORE CONCRETE FORM THROUGH INCREASED US AID TO RWANDA. DAVIS RESPONDED, REFERRING TO PRESENT US CONTRIBUTIONS TO RWANDAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BILATERALLY THROUGH ONGOING FOOD STORAGE PROJECT AND NEW PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT, MULTILATERALLY THROUGH IBRD AND UNDP (REFERRING ALSO TO CURRENT PENDING LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE US CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND). AND THROUGH US PRIVATE INVESTMENT, ASSISTED BY OPIC AND EX-IM, INCLUDING NEW TEA FACTORY.

3, DISCUSSION THEN TURNED TO RWANDAN FOREIGN POLICY. PRESIDENT SAID THAT RWANDA CONSIDERED ITSELF QUOTE FIRMLY NONALIGNED UNQUOTE AND DESIRED LIVE IN PEACE WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS COUNTRY'S QUEST FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ENCOMPASSED QUOTE NEW FRIENDS AS WELL AS OLDER FRIENDS UNQUOTE, HOPEFULLY WITHOUT ERODING QUOTE MUTUAL CONFIDENCE UNQUOTE WITH OLDER FRIENDS.

4. MIDDLE EAST: PRESIDENT STATED HIS WISH THT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY. HE SAID HE BELIEVED JEWS HAD THEIR HOMELAND AND THAT PALESTINIANS SHOULD HAVE THEIRS AS WELL. HE SAID THAT IN INVITING PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN KIGALI, RWANDA HAD NO INTENTION TO INVITE TERRORISM INTO RWANDA, ONLY TO AID EFFORT TOWARD PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST. HE PROVIDED ASSURANCES THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY WOULD HAVE GOR COOPERATION TO AVOID ANY POTENTIAL DIFFICULTY WITH PLO IN KIGALI. DAVIS RESPONDED, REFERRING TO SECRETARY'S EFFORTS SEEK LONGSTANDING PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST AND THANKING HABYARIMANA FOR GOR CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF EMBASSY AND US PERSONNEL IN RWANDA.

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA: DAVIS THEN OUTLINED US POLICY SOUTHERN AFRICA FOR PRESIDENT, WITH DISCUSSION OF MOZAMBIQUE, CONFIDENTIAL

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ANGOLA, ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA, AND SOUTH AFRICA (TOPICS WHICH HAD ALSO OCCUPIED MOST OF PREVIOUS DAY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE). HABYARIMANA RESPONDED, EXPRESSING RWANDA'S OPPOSITION TO SOUTH AFRICA'S RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY POLICIES AND URGING US PLACE MORE PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO CHANGE AND TO INVOLVE BLACK MAJORITY IN EFFORTS TO REACH RESOLUTION OF PROBLEM.

6. KOREA: DAVIS THEN RAISED SUBJECT OF KOREA AS FURTHER PROBLEM PRESENTING DIFFICULTY IN SEARCH FOR WORLD PEACE, SETTING OUT US POSITION THAT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARD PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA. HABYARIMANA SAID THAT GOR'S VIEW WAS THAT QUOTE PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE DIVIDED UNQUOTE AND THAT QUOTE BEST POTENTIAL SOLUTION FOR PEACE IS TO HAVE THEM WORK IT OUT TOGETHER WITH AS LITTLE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE AS POSSIBLE UNQUOTE, CREATING CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH DIALOGUE CAN BE PURSUED.

7. US/ZAIRE RELATIONS: PREFACING HIS REMARKS BY STATING HE DID NOT WISH BE INDISCREET, HABYARIMANA THEN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OUR VIEW OF SITUATION IN ZAIRE. DAVIS RESPONDED, REFERRING TO LONG HISTORY OF GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND ZAIRE AND RECENT ROUGH SPOTS, INCLUDING ZAIRIAN DESIRE TO PURSUE MORE NON-ALIGNED POLICY, ZAIRE'S WEAKENING ECONOMIC SITUATION DUE TO FALL IN COPPER PRICES, AND FACT THAT MOBUTU AND OUR AMBASSADOR HAD APPARENTLY NOT DEVELOPED WARM PERSONAL RAPPORT. USG HAD LOOKED CAREFULLY INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT WE HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE PLOT AGAINST PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND HAD FOUND NO RPT NO FOUNDATION FOR THESE ALLEGATIONS IN ACTIONS BY RESPONSIBLE US OFFICIALS IN INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US. WE REGRET THAT PRESIDENT BOBUTU SEEMS TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE AND HAVE INDICATED WE WOULD WELCOME REVIEW ANY GOZ EVIDENCE. WE ARE HOPEFUL AMBASSADOR VANCE'S MISSION IN KINSHASA WILL LEAD TO RESTORATION OF PREVIOUS GOOD RELATIONS WITH ZAIRE. PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA RESPONDED DAVIS REVIEW OF SITUATION HELPFUL TO HIM AND THAT RWANDA HOPED US/ZAIRE RELATIONS "WOULD NOT DETERIORATE."

8. PRESIDENT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO USG AND AMERICAN
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PEOPLE FOR RAPID US RESPONSE TO RWANDA'S APPEAL LAST YEAR FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. IN CLOSING MEETING, HE INVITED DAVIS VISIT RWANDA AGAIN FOR LONGER PERIOD TIME. (FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE LATER REMARKED MEETING WAS LONGEST HABYARIMANA HAD ACCORDED ANY FOREIGN DIPLOMAT, INCLUDING NORTH KOREANS WHO READ HIM LENGTHY DIATRIBE ON THEIR POSITION WHEN THEY VISITED.) FRITTS

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